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Foundations of Python Programming
Assignment 07
<https://github.com/cweber08/IntrotoProg-Mod07>

Creating a Python Script

Introduction

This assignment builds on the last by adding common techniques for improving scripts: functions, classes, and the separation of concerns.

Drafting the Code

I started this assignment by opening the getting started script provided. It had all the processes laid out and everything pre-defined.

```
# -----  
# 📌 Title: Assignment07  
# Desc: This assignment demonstrates using data classes  
# with structured error handling  
# Change Log: (Who, When, What)  
#   cweber, 5/28/2024, Created Script  
#  
# -----  
import json  
  
# Define the Data Constants  
MENU: str = '''  
---- Course Registration Program ----  
Select from the following menu:  
    1. Register a Student for a Course.  
    2. Show current data.  
    3. Save data to a file.  
    4. Exit the program.  
-----  
'''  
  
FILE_NAME: str = "Enrollments.json"  
  
# Define the Data Variables  
students: list = [] # a table of student data  
menu_choice: str # Hold the choice made by the user.  
  
# Processing ----- #
```

I laid out the 4 classes: Person, Student, File Processor, and IO. The Person class identifies each individual student, the Student class pushes the person data into a data class of all students and their courses. The File Processor reads and writes to the enrollment json, and the IO class obtains the input and outputs of student data:

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```
# Processing ----- #  
  
> class Person:...  
> class Student(Person):...  
> class FileProcessor:...  
  
# Presentation ----- #  
> class IO:...  
  
# Start of main body
```

For the Person class we are storing the student's first and last names. The `__init__` function is used to assign values to the objects (first/last names). There is also built in error handling for non-alphabetic names:

```
class Person:  
    """Defines class to store student's first and last names"""  
  
    def __init__(self, student_first_name: str = "", student_last_name: str = ""):  
        self.student_first_name = student_first_name  
        self.student_last_name = student_last_name  
  
    @property  
    def student_first_name(self):  
        return self.__student_first_name.title()  
  
    @student_first_name.setter  
    def student_first_name(self, value: str):  
        if value.isalpha() or value == "":  
            self.__student_first_name = value  
        else:  
            raise ValueError("The first name should not contain numbers.")  
  
    @property  
    def student_last_name(self):  
        return self.__student_last_name.title()  
  
    @student_last_name.setter  
    def student_last_name(self, value: str):  
        if value.isalpha():  
            self.__student_last_name = value  
        else:  
            raise ValueError("Last name can't contain non-alphanumeric values.")  
  
    def __str__(self):  
        return f"{self.student_first_name},{self.student_last_name}"
```

The Student class stores the person data. Again using the `__init__` function to assign student names and courses into the student data list:

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```
class Student(Person):
    """Defines person class, stores student data and course name"""

    def __init__(self, student_first_name: str, student_last_name: str, course_name: str = ""):
        super().__init__(student_first_name=student_first_name, student_last_name=student_last_name)
        self.course_name = course_name

    @property
    def course_name(self):
        return self.__course_name

    @course_name.setter
    def course_name(self, value: str):
        if len(value) != 0:
            self.__course_name = value
        else:
            raise ValueError("Course name cannot be empty.")

    def __str__(self):
        return f"{self.student_first_name},{self.student_last_name},{self.course_name}"
```

The last two classes were mildly changed. The File Processor class still reads and writes to the json. The IO class appends to a data dictionary of all student data.

Summary

I did not find the demos and labs very helpful this week, now that our code is getting longer, I'm having a very difficult time following along where exactly the demo-er is altering code. Fortunately(?), I'm one of the last submission this week so I could peek at how others manipulated their starter code.